

REMARKS

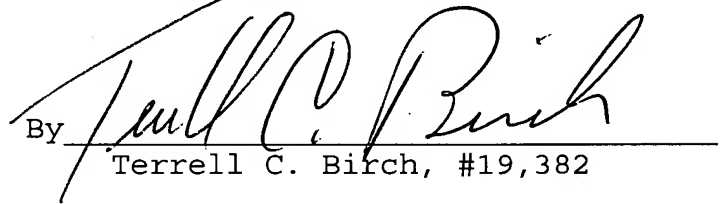
The claims have been amended to conform with regular U.S. practice and to replace mathematical symbols with words.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terrell C. Birch", is written over a horizontal line.

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